GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG Connections under PMUY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any survey to ascertain the decline in adverse effects of carbon emission after inception of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the country and if so, the details and the findings thereof; and
(b) whether the Government has prepared any special action plan to ensure that each poor household in the country gets a LPG connection in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) & (b) Use of conventional sources of cooking fuels such as firewood, cow dung etc. causes indoor pollution on account of high carbon emission. According to WHO reports, having an open fire in the kitchen is like burning 400 cigarettes an hour. LPG is a clean fuel and usage of LPG is beneficial for health of the family and the environment by reducing carbon emission.
In order to provide clean cooking fuel to every poor household in the country, the Government has launched PMUY to provide 5 crore new LPG connections to the women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families over a period of three years starting from Financial Year 2016-17, subject to the condition that no LPG connection should already exist in the name of any family member of the household. Oil Marketing Companies have already released more than 2.5 crore connections under the Scheme within a span of 14 months since the launch of Scheme on 1st May, 2016.